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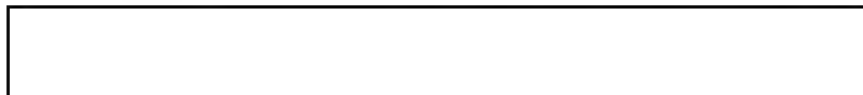
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South Vietnam: There are signs that the Diem government intends to follow a firm policy toward Buddhist agitators, despite a tentative agreement of both sides to end provocations during conclusion of a negotiated settlement.

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25X1 Reports from Hué indicate that increased authority has been put in the hands of military and civil officials favoring a tough policy, even though Diem has acknowledged that some local officials were partly responsible for provoking recent incidents. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] government strategy is to try to ease tensions by making minor concessions to the Buddhists, with the intention of cracking down later on individual troublemakers. [redacted]

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NOTES

Israel-Syria: Tension in the Israeli-Syrian border area is increasing to the point where a large-scale clash may occur soon. Several times during the past ten days Syrians fired on Israeli farmers, and on 9 June the Israelis reportedly retaliated with mortar and machine-gun fire and by aerial strafing of a Syrian border village.

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